

**GOVERNOR'S**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES**  
**TASK FORCE**

**STATUTORY & REGULATORY INITIATIVES WORKGROUP**

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of 1/13/04**

**Present:**

Lee Cullen, Task Force Chair  
Brian Rude, Workgroup Chair  
Rep. Scott Jensen (by phone)  
Forrest Ceel  
George Edgar  
Michael Vickerman (by phone)  
Tom Meinz (by phone)

**Observers:**

John Marx, Dept. of Administration  
Hugo Heyns, Focus on Energy  
Sarah Justus, State Budget Office  
David Donovan (by phone)  
Linda Hajek

Discussion took place regarding identifying legislative issues on a three-tier basis. Short-term legislative issues will be classified as Tier 1 and given immediate consideration by the workgroup to be presented at the February 17, 2004 Task Force meeting. The Tier 2 issues will be considered for the fall legislative session, and the Tier 3 issues are beyond the life of the Task Force.

The following are the Tier 1 legislative issues derived from Senator Cowles' January 13, 2004 memo regarding legislation for consideration by the Governor's Task Force:

**Efficiency Standards:** SB 111 – (Dept. of Administration to provide discussion paper about rules and regulations.)

**Conservation/Lighting Systems and Regulations:** SB112

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Public Benefits Legislative Oversight: Extends passive review by Joint Finance Committee to large public benefits expenditures (\$250,000 or \$100,000) modeled after Environmental Stewardship Fund oversight. Bill not yet introduced.

Tier 2 issue from Sen. Cowles' memo is: Energy Reliability Report: SB 113 (Found be marginally relevant to this workgroup and moved into second tier to look at after February.)

Tier 3 issues or issues transferred to another workgroup from Sen. Cowles' memo are as follows:

Strategic Energy Assessment: AB735 (No discussion on issue; not part of this workgroup's focus.)

Public Benefits Retention/Accountability: SB280/AB736 & AB737 (Found to belong to the Administrative Model and Funding Workgroup.)

Environmental Trust Financing: (Does not belong in this workgroup and will not be discussed by the Task Force generally. Placed on Tier 3.)

Payback Rules for Public Benefits: (Does not belong in this workgroup and transferred to the Administrative Model and Funding Workgroup.)

The memo submitted by Keith Reopelle on 1/13/04 was also classified in the three-tier method.

Point #1: Set energy reduction goals for demand growth. Tier 1 as to state government energy usage (including schools and local governments); not mandate, but incentives instead. (Need information regarding how much energy the state uses and how much it produces. Dept. of Administration to provide information.)

Point #2. Adopt minimum efficiency standards for appliances and equipment. Not part of this workgroup and transferred to the Standards – Building Codes workgroup.

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Point #3. Develop state facilities flagship program. Tier 1 as to SB111. Memo by Sarah Justus identifies the Department of Administration's participation. John Marx will get report on what was already done.

Point #4. Adopt energy efficient outdoor lighting legislation. Not part of this workgroup and transferred to the Standards – Building Codes workgroup.

Point #5. Update residential codes when National standards updated. Not part of this workgroup and transferred to the Standards – Building Codes workgroup.

As to the 1/9/04 Renewables Workgroup minutes:

Tier 1 issue: Identify what the State is purchasing and expand green pricing without opening up selective retail choice. Michael Vickerman will provide data on potential.

Tier 2 issue: Within a week, Rep. Frank Lasee is introducing an assembly bill with tax code changes.

Other Tier 1 items:

Small-scale environmentally friendly projects are struggling with the regulatory permit process, specifically with DNR approval. Suggested to submit a set of guidelines to obtain DNR permit approval, to be done by executive order or by legislative action.

Future meetings of this workgroup:

1/26/04 at 2:00 p.m.

2/10/04 at 2:00 p.m.

Meetings held at Cullen Weston Pines & Bach, 122 W. Washington Avenue, Ste. 900, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703.